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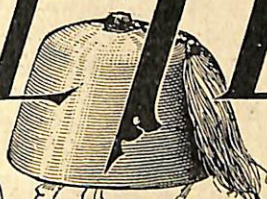

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IOWA'S MASONIC LIBRARY.

Our pages are honored this month with a cut of the building that contains the finest Masonic Library in the world. While the Institution began its career with the Grand Lodge itself, there was no settled home for many years. As early as 1876 the only attention given was a recommendation in the report of the Committee on Library to remove it to the seat of Government; this effort was again made in 1880, but was tabled, but the spirit was alive in answer to the call for a permanent home for the growing library. In 1880 the Grand Secretary was instructed to have prepared by the next annual communication, plans and specifications for a fire-proof building, with a statement of its probable cost. In 1881 the matter was carried forward so that a special committee consisting of Bros. G. B. Van Saun, Z. C. Luse, and Crom. Bowen, were set to work developing further information.

In 1883, a committee, composed of Grand Master Van Saun, Grand Secretary Parvin, C. T. Granger, J. D. Gamble and H. G. Cilley were empowered to still further set forward the work.

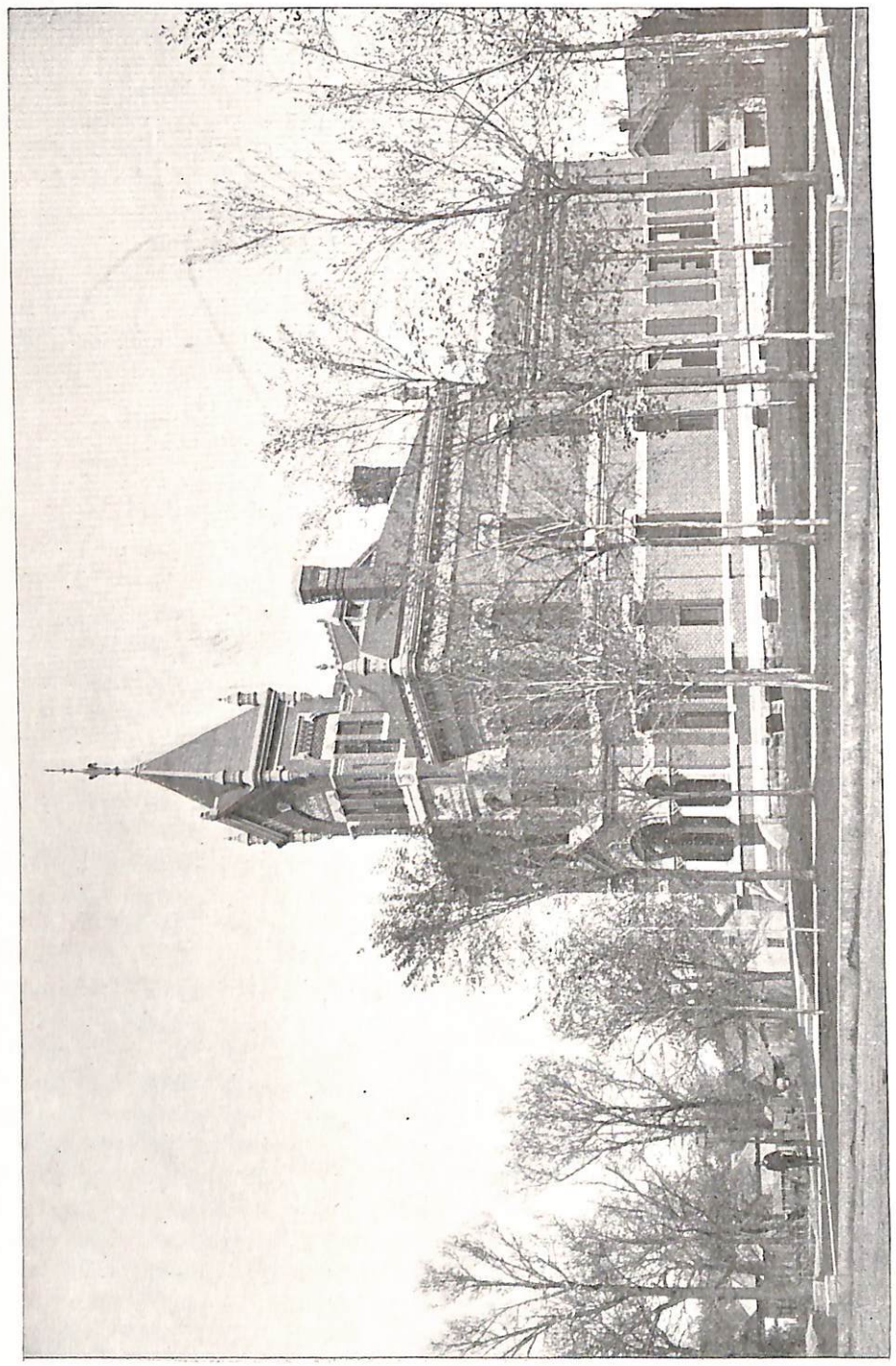
At a special communication of the Grand Lodge held in Cedar Rapids May 7, 1884, the corner stone was laid with imposing ceremonies. The beautiful lot and $10,000 in money had been given by the citizens of this city, and the location thus brought here. Hon. C. W. Eaton, then Mayor, delivered an address of welcome. The Grand Master responded; Grand Secretary Parvin delivered an oration, and Bishop Perry an address. The inscriptions on the corner stone are as follows:

NORTH
GRAND LODGE OF IOWA
A. F. & A. M.,
1844-1884.

EAST
GEO. B. VAN SAUN, Grand Master,
T. S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary.
May 7, 1884.

In due time the labors that completed this beautiful building at once a monument and an honor to Freemasonry in Iowa were closed and the property of this Great Jurisdiction transferred from Iowa City to Cedar Rapids. Here it rests, to an extent we hardly dream of, a cause of favorable attention and comment among Masons everywhere. It is with no sense of fulsome praise that we accredit with pleasure the zeal of Dr. Parvin, in building up from its one volume to the present success of this great library. Freemasons should make it one of the objects of interest to visit in their travels, and when once they have entered its halls, no further inducement need be held out. Long may the good work go on, and we crave no better privilege than to see this great Library receive from Iowa and the Masonic world the favor and attention it deserves.

Masonic Tidings for April, Milwaukee, appears beautifully clad in an Easter cover. The design is suggestive and beautiful.



IOWA MASONIC LIBRARY BUILDING, CEDAR RAPIDS.

FATHER PARVIN'S LETTER.

San Luis Potosi, Feb. 19, 1895.

Rev. Jno. Westley Geiger,
Editor of the "Freemason,"
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

My Dear Sir: Upon my arrival at this city, San Luis Potosi, I found the January number of the Freemason, with the Fez added. I congratulate you upon the improved appearance in form and especially in the contents of the number. I am watching and waiting for the February number, which I trust may soon come to hand.

While congratulations are in order I must also congratulate myself that I have escaped the cold weather, which has prevailed so universally, for while the cold wave reaching from San Diego, Cal., across the continent, over the Atlantic even to sunny Italy, and as far south as Florida and the Texan border upon the Gulf, killing not only the fruit but the fruit trees, has also reached this distant section. It has been so light as scarcely to be felt. We are now in the torrid zone, and I am told by old residents that there are not twenty stoves in the city. During our journey of a few weeks through the states of this Republic, we had our car windows open, ever looking out upon the snow capped peaks of "Orizaba" and "Popocatapetl." This is owing to the high elevation, as we are about 8000 feet above the sea level, at Vera Cruz. But it is not of the scenery of this wonderful country of which I wish at this time especially to speak, but to give you a few items that may be added hereto at a later date, as I shall learn more and more of the status of Masonry in Mexico. I was probably quite as well informed as the best of general readers before coming, but I have learned some things which I was pleased to hear and others that I regret to find exist.

A word or two in regard to American Masonry, by which I simply mean Masonic bodies organized and working under the authority of the National bodies in the states. Before coming I was aware of the fact that there existed in the City of Mexico a chapter of Royal Arch Masons, working under a dispensation granted by the General Grand High Priest in Maryland. This body received its charter at the recent convocation held in Topeka, Kan., a measure I judge, from existing fact, to have been ill-advised.

There is also a Commandery of Knights Templar in the City of Mexico, working under a dispensation issued by Grand Master McCurdy, of Michigan, and which will no doubt apply for a charter at the coming triennial conclave to be held in Boston the ensuing summer, but unless they shall have improved upon the present and the past, as I learn of their history, I shall not consent to the granting to them of a charter. I brought with me letters of introduction from Grand Master McCurdy and Recorder Isaacs to the Eminent Commander in the City of Mexico.

Among the party of tourists of which I constituted one, there were quite a number of Knights Templar from the city of St. Louis. Knowing my rank in the order, they with one accord asked that I spy out the land and report to them so that they might have the pleasure of visiting both the Chapter and Commandery during our stay of some ten days in the Capital of the Republic. Thereupon at an early day I presented my letters of credential, calling upon the Eminent Commander, whom I found to be a very courteous gentleman, standing high with the Government, being the editor in chief of one of the leading papers of the city, published in the language of the country, and also a mining engineer of repute, and so holds a prominent position in society and in Masonry. I found a very cordial reception and upon my inquiry as to when there would be a meeting of either the Chapter or the Commandery, learned to my great surprise, that "there had been no meeting of either body for five months past.

Naturally much surprised at this, as I was informed the membership exceeded fifty, and the population of American citizens reached nigh onto 3000, I supposed that the body must be in a flourishing condition, holding as we do in the states, regular meetings, and so inquired the cause. I was informed by the officer in chief that "one of the prominent members was addicted to the habit of intoxication, had, while on a drunken spree, grossly insulted the presiding officer and others of the Order, as well as the cause itself." Inasmuch as his friends were unwilling that any action should be taken towards his trial and punishment, and as he would not apologise for his conduct, the presiding officer resorted to what I consider an unwise policy and refused to permit the convening of the body. Just as I learned this intelligence, I read in one of the leading periodicals of our country, an anecdote touching the alienation of feeling between President Lincoln, one of the best men the earth ever produced, and his able but ambitious Secretary of Treasury, afterwards Chief Justice Chase. The latter had applied very earnestly for the appointment of a man,—I will not call him a gentleman,—to a high office, who had, while intoxicated, in the presence of ladies, kicked his hat about the room. President Lincoln, with the firmness characteristic of the man, declared he would never appoint him. The Secretary, being quite as persistent, tendered his resignation which was accepted.

Methinks I hear you and some of your readers say, as the politicians say, "kick the rascal out," but pause for a moment my dear brother, and recall the old adage that "those who live in glass houses should not throw stones." You need not go out of Iowa or the precincts of the Grand Lodge to find greater rascals than this man, or the whole Masonic Republic of Mexico can furnish, and yet through abounding charity or misplaced leniency or possibly temerity, they have been allowed to go scot-free. But it is a sad and deplorable state of things at home and here, and it was with extreme regret that I learned this intelligence.

A few days after our departure from the City of Mexico, companion Daken, of Indiana, a member of the General Grand Chapter, arrived with a special commission to constitute the Chapter. I had much hoped he would have arrived before my leaving, that I might have learned from him the course of action he would probably pursue. I have not learned whether he constituted the Chapter or no, but certainly if constituted *upon the basis* on which I found it, but little if any good can come out of Nazareth. I could not help but recall an incident in my own official administration as Grand Master, when a Secretary of a Lodge was proved a defaulter by embezzlement charged with having taken over $100 and confessing to the withholding of about $75. He was tried and found guilty but escaped all punishment. The members who insisted upon the penalty of expulsion would not consent to the penalty of reprimand. At this stage of the proceedings the Master wrote me for counsel. My letter was short and sweet and accomplished its end. I said to him "summon your lodge, read this letter to them, pass the ballot, and if the guilty member is not expelled return the charter to me by next mail." This was and is my way of dealing with acknowledged and confessed culprits, and yet I have as much charity in my bosom as may be found existing in the best of men, but I do not believe in misplacing it. I shall look with some interest as well as fraternal concern in the states on the outcome of the effort on the part of our National authorities to engraft ancient York Masonry upon the system of Masonry that prevails in this our sister Republic.

A word or two as to a previous effort: You will remember a few years ago the Grand Lodge of Missouri chartered a lodge

by the name of "Toltec" in the City of Mexico, and then a great hue and cry was raised thereat by the Grand Masters and reporters of correspondence, who, in most bitter terms, declaimed against the Grand Lodge of Missouri for exercising authority over the jurisdiction of a sister Republic, and yet some of these most bitter writers did not and never have recognized Masonry organized upon any other basis than that of "the American system" as practiced in the United States. I must confess myself to a considerable degree of ignorance upon the subject at the time, but I have learned upon high authority in the City of Mexico that the Supreme Council which had formerly claimed jurisdiction in such cases waved and surrendered it in this particular instance. Moreover the Gran Dieta, which had absolute jurisdiction in the premises also had virtually waved jurisdiction in favor of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, wherefore her action in the premises was legal from every Masonic standpoint and it is to be regretted that she yielded to the outside pressure of ignorant men and writers and revoked her action by recalling her charter. There is not a lodge in the Republic to-day so far as I can learn, working under a charter from any other authority than that of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite and the Gran Dieta of the Republic. This Gran Dieta is composed so far as I can learn, of the Grand Lodges of a majority if not all of the states of the Republic except the state of Vera Cruz which I learn had and still has a Grand Lodge of its own and which has refused to come into this National arrangement.

You may perhaps know the fact that the Grand Lodge of Iowa many years ago when there were separate and independent State Grand Lodges here, recognized and entered into correspondence with that of the Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz, but that upon the organization of the Gran Dieta it withdrew, and came impliedly at least into fraternal relations with the Gran Dieta, which was organized on the plan of Free Masonry upon the American system, by the union of State Grand Lodges. You know full well that in all the latin countries of Europe and in South America including the Republic of Mexico the Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite had exercised the authority of creating symbolic lodges of the three Craft Degrees. This being repugnant to the American system and the Masons of our sister Republic desirous of coming into closer and more harmonious relations with our Grand Lodges, the Supreme Council granted their request by a solemn compact agreeing not only to grant no further charters for lodges but to surrender to the Gran Dieta about to be and since formed, jurisdiction over the lodges it had already created of the Symbolic Degrees.

Now, without speaking especially at present of the interior working of this system of the Gran Dieta, I may say that in theory it is all right and proper, but there still remain those high and prominent in authority with us in the states who will not recognize it because its constituent members were not organized upon an American basis, and yet strange to say these men are in full fellowship of recognition with the old Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. It was never organized upon an American basis. It was created a Grand Lodge by the *ipse dixit* of the Grand Master of England. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, also standing high, was organized by a clandestine body receiving their charter from the old Dermott or Seceding Grand Lodge organized in the year 1740 and continued in rebellion until the great Union under two of the Royal Brothers (Independent Grand Masters) in the year 1813. Now what is sauce for the goose should be for the gander, and brethren who hold in such high estimation, as is just and proper, these old Grand Lodges should as wisely recognize the state of things that exists here. I have found some

"American Lodges" in the Republic; American only in the sense that the membership is confined exclusively to the American residents, the body itself holding its charter from the Gran Dieta. I have found also consistorial bodies of the A. & A. Rite, working by special dispensation from the Supreme Council the Pike Ritual so universal with us, showing a liberal spirit on the part of the authorities both of the Scottish and York Rites.

At another period I may perhaps go more into detail in some of these matters. I may here state that the high authorities both of the Federal and State Governments are prominent Masons. President Diaz is himself at one and the same time Grand Master of the Gran Dieta including the whole of Mexico except Vera Cruz aforesaid. He is also the Sovereign Commander of the Supreme Council and I am told that until a few years back when official duties had so pressed upon his time and attention, he gave considerable attention to the Order. I had a personal interview of very much interest with him of some fifteen minutes, during which time he spoke very earnestly and favorably both of Masonry in this country and in the United States. He was familiar with my name and position and expressed to me the cordial wish that I should visit the Masonic bodies in the Republic, that I would learn what I could of the status of Masonry here, and that I might be favorably impressed and make a favorable report to my countrymen. He even went so far as to say that he had conferred with some of the chief officials of the Supreme Council, and that upon my anticipated return to the city in a week or two they would give me a reception and banquet. I certainly appreciated the honor very much and the kind words of the President with whom I was very favorably impressed by this interview. He does not speak our language but I could see clearly that he understood what I said when answering his interpreter, as his countenance would light up with a smile, and on one or two occasions before the interpreter could give him my answer he would dictate his reply.

I have thought that these matters might prove of interest both to yourself and your readers, of whom I trust you have an increased number, as the improvements in your paper deserve you should. It may be possible that at a later date I may give you my impressions of the country, the people and the manners and customs prevailing, all of which, as everything here, are so very different from what they are at home. I have been exceedingly interested and much pleased with what I have seen during the visit of these few weeks, but of this you must await a more convenient season.

Yours very truly,

T. S. PARVIN.

P. S.—Since mailing this paper I have been informed by Masons in this city (Potori) entitled to equal or more credit, that this statement is not correct. That the "Grand Dieta" (grand diet) of Mexico did *not* "waive jurisdiction" and give its consent that the Grand Lodge of Missouri should organize a Lodge (Toltec) in the city of Mexico, for the reason that the Grand Dieta was not at that time in existence. But that upon its formation it protested against such invasion of territory, and waged war upon the Grand Lodge of Missouri, till it revoked its charter. Why my informant should have sought to mislead me I no not know. I have learned other things, too, of which I will inform the Masons of Iowa and the United States another time.

I attended the monthly (March) meeting of the Grand Lodge of the state of San Luis Potosi last Saturday. It meets monthly and is composed, as I was informed, of the three lodges of this city (of 60,000 inhabitants) and some in other towns. I was given a grand reception. I addressed it through an interpreter. If I could have a

stenographer at pleasure, rather than semi-occasionally, or if my right hand was available to write, I would do more in extending this.

We are both (wife and I) in good health and having a most glorious rest, of which I stood so much in need. Daily I stroll (walk or ride) through this silver city, so quaint and wonderful to an American, and enjoy myself sight seeing.

I forgot to say I also attended last week the Lodge of Perfection, of which my son, T. W., is Master, and all of whose members are American.

Very truly yours,

T. S. PARVIN.

FROM THE ORIENT.

HONG KONG, China, March 8, '95.

Editor Iowa Freemason, Marion, Ia.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—As a subscriber of your paper I take an interest in it, and thinking that you might be glad to hear how Masonry is progressing in the far East, I have concluded to write you. I have had a very pleasant contact with the craft in Japan and China and have witnessed work. The lodges are working under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of England, and of course work very different from our Iowa work. The work is very well done and great interest is shown and a good attendance of members and visitors at each meeting. I have had no trouble in the "trials" put upon me to gain admission, but have had some odd experiences that it would not be prudent to write. A visiting brother is expected, in places, to have a diploma, but in other places it is not called for. Any well posted Mason can pass examination, and all visitors are cordially welcomed. Masonry is the one popular secret society in the far East. Calling it refreshment is more than a theoretical affair in Lodges in Japan and China, for there is a spread at each meeting, and liquid refreshments to astonish an Iowa Mason.

Masonic Temples are constructed with special view to having banquets, reading rooms, smoking rooms and other conveniences. As 7:30 to 8:30 is the dinner hour in eastern Asia, lodges convene very late and of course the night is far advanced before the work is finished, yet the members have good staying qualities and remain until the lodge is closed. The lodges close on every degree and the closing ceremonies are quite lengthy and very different. The "trueing board" and the emblems are not the same as ours, neither are the working tools identical. The charges, lectures and ceremonies all differ, and in fact there is but a resemblance all through, as even the obligations differ and are administered differently. You may be sure I was interested, and took many items, mentally.

As I am a member of the coming Grand Lodge of Iowa, you may expect to see me at the session, when I hope to meet the good brethren of Iowa, and renew the pleasures of the past.

Natives of Japan and China are not admitted to the mysteries of our order.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. VAN HOUTEN.

DOWN ON "BOSSISM."

Brother Duncan, whose crisp reviews each week in the *New York Despatch* makes his Masonic page of wide note, pays his compliments to "Bossism" in a recent number. We glean what he says of the nuisance in Masonic bodies in these words: "There is "bossism" in our lodges sometimes. One man, who from his position as Past Master, or "prominent" Mason, imagines he must have his own way or things will go to pieces. He is dictatorial in manner, asserting his position in a stern, boss-like style that admits of no mistaking that he is the "boss." He presides, if called upon to do so, in a haughty, imperious manner, threatening to annihilate the whole lodge if they run counter to his notions. If he does not preside he harangues the lodge until

they are weary with his bossing. Of course this is not according to the "tenets of our profession" but no "bossism" is in conformity with Masonic teachings.

Just what to do with a "boss" is difficult to say. He ought to be made to feel and to understand, if possible, that "there are others," people who have rights as well as he; men whose devotion to the lodge is as great, aye, and a thousand fold greater, than his; brethren whose intellects and moral perceptions are as bright and sensitive as his own. The "boss" should be reformed.

Let the spirit of fairness pervade all the leaders in our lodges. Let them know and feel that the rights and opinions of others are to be considered. That the feelings of their brethren are not to be trampled upon, and that the first lesson read in the lodge rooms, "behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," should never be forgotten.

We can see how this important subject would bear great enlargement as to its scope. The "boss" may insert himself into the highest seat in the Masonic synagogue and because of the diffidence, forbearance, or the desire of his brethren to avoid endless conflict, he may perpetuate a very reign of terror upon the craft. It will bear repeating that, the "prerogative" of the nubulous past will have to come up with its work for inspection, under the light of well defined regulations, which are not now so likely to depend upon the unwritten traditions as they once did.

It must be conceded that the greatest confidence can be placed in the popular wisdom of ruling Masonic bodies, and that no man by temporary advancement in office is thus lifted above and away from his fellows, or made their Lord, Master, and Boss thereby. We firmly believe in the safety of the interests of the Order, when placed as near the heart of every constituent, humble or exalted, as is the government under which we live. We believe the Masonic press is a privileged and responsible medium through which to speak both words of warning and instruction, and of this menacing danger, let him who readeth take heed and hear.

THE NATIONAL MASONIC ACCIDENT ASSOCIATION.

Among the number of prominent patrons who have taken a lively interest in keeping their business before our readers is the National Masonic Accident Association of Des Moines, and though they expressly forbade any editorial notice (the Secretary did) of their affairs, or any effort on our part to distinguish them amidst the army of societies seeking to benefit mankind, we risk a whole (job) lot of criticism to say that, we had a rib broken, while getting (somewhat carelessly) off a train in our own home town, and they gave us no trouble whatever in making a satisfactory settlement of the whole damage—one rib, one crack and seven million stars put out forever. The reputation of every gentleman in its management in the city of Des Moines, has our heartiest confidence, and the Company stands highest among its class for the straightforward business methods that characterize its dealings. Every Mason should carry an accident policy, and we do not hesitate to present as worthy of patronage this Iowa institution, with its years of experience, its splendid reserve and its capable officers. Their advertisement will be found on the inside front cover of this journal, where we hope after reading it you will register a vow to subscribe for the magazine and apply for a policy with the National Masonic Accident Association.

Friendship is more firmly secured by lenity towards failings than by attachment to excellencies. The former is valued as kindness which can not be claimed, and the latter is exacted as payment of a debt of merit.—*Masonic Advocate.*

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Marshalltown, June 4, 1895.
Nebraska, Omaha, June 12, 1895.

From Cedar Rapids, Springville, Dubuque, Mt. Vernon, Maxwell, Tama and Burlington, comes information that there is steady work.

At Eldora, the Masonic bodies, Lodge and Chapter, are prospering. They are delightfully housed in a fine hall over the beautiful Wisner Opera House.

Sheffield, Iowa, is reported to be having a Masonic business block put up—that's business—have no more top stories, with another fellow on the ground floor.

Dr. Thomas S. Bardwell, an old and well known member of Marion Lodge, No. 6, Marion, Iowa, died March 17, and was buried with Masonic honors, March 20, 1895.

By the hand of Bro. James Howie, W. M., we have a copy of the neat roster of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 49, A. F. and A. M., of Dubuque. It is what every lodge should have.

Some of our Sabula brothers wonder what we meant by "20 pounds to the square inch" in their new city water. We meant pressure, beloved, and now that the stream flows by the office door of Bro. Geo. C. Heberling, the fish supply of the town is assured. He has the franchise for all kinds, including suckers.

The Lodge at Carroll, Iowa, is highly prosperous. All is bright and harmonious, with more applicants than can be accommodated. They have some 18 or 20 degrees on the record. Two were passed at their last regular (March) meeting and they will have to do double work for some time to catch up. Good for Carroll. They are workers.

From a copy of the *Evening Journal* sent to the editor's wife, we glean the information that a beautiful and commodious Temple was dedicated there April 2, with Bro. Geo. W. Ball, of Iowa City, as Grand Master. There was a large attendance. Banquet in the evening.

On Sunday, March 10, 1895, Bro. J. E. Nestle, was laid to rest, at Carroll, Iowa, by his Masonic, K. P., I. O. O. F., and other brethren and friends. From several sources come information of the touching and beautiful address of the Master Bro. R. R. Woodring, and the perfect rendering of the Masonic Burial service. A blatant preacher was well silenced a few days after the funeral, when he asked "how did the infidel Masons like the sermon;" by a Mason who said, "as well ask how did the infidel Presbyterians like it, there is no such thing as an infidel Mason."

WEED 'EM OUT.

Now and then we run across the rapacious office-hunter or his trail. He is usually on a lay of economy or fault-finding with those who have the place he wants. No Order can less afford to place offices of trust in the hands of such men. To provide a place for a man, on any grounds but efficiency, talent and devotion, is a high-priced experiment. To grab at place, under the guize to the brethren who are honest in their lack of knowledge of what a difference there is in the expenses of professional life, that he's come to lead them into green pastures, where a few husks and "a thousand a year" with donations, will be all he'll want to offer himself on the altar of his Masonic country. We have no objections to any man using his privilege to get an office, but we do believe that when the effort smacks of the round man running himself into a square hole, every Mason should fire a ballot at him with another man's name on it. Give us representative men, not cheap, self-seeking, quarrelsome disturbers of the peace. Weed 'em out.

CUSTODIAN'S SCHOOLS.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

April 4, 1895.

Dear Brother Geiger:

I am reminded that another month has made its appearance, and you will be expecting another letter from me for the April number of the FREEMASON AND THE FEZ. The route laid out in my last letter has been changed somewhat, so that it is as follows:

Dennison, April 4 and 5.
Carroll, April 6 and 7.
Neola, April 9 and 10.
Shelby, April 11 and 12.

On the 2nd and 3d inst., I filled my appointment at Boone as per agreement. For the future I will be at

Washington, April 17, 18 and 19.
Forest City, April 24 and 25.
Britt, April 26 and 27.
Garner, April 29, 30 and May 1.
Traer, May 6 and 7.

As I could not reach some places as early as I wished and the brethren desired, the following places have requested me to cancel their calls for this season, which I have done: Lewis, Oakland, Persia, and Laurens.

I have still on my list calls from Parkersburg, Riceville, Akron, Corydon, Le Mars, Barnes, Marble Rock and Kingsley unplaced.

The spring weather opening up quite warm will doubtless cause most of them, if not all, to ask for their invitations to be postponed for another year. I shall, however, keep on the war path as long as they desire me, and my voice will permit. Have been holding from two to three sessions each day at about every place that I have visited, and this has been kept up right along on my several trips.

I would like to have a week or two for resting my voice before the Grand Lodge School convenes on May 31, June 1 and 3, preceding the communication of the Grand Lodge. In haste.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. B. VAN SAUN, V. C.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., ———, 1897.
Iowa Grand, Dubuque, Sept. 26, 1895.
Nebraska, Omaha, Dec. 11, 1895.

ASHLAR CHAPTER, MT. VERNON, U. D.

Thursday, April 5, was a gala day among the Masons of this college town, for a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was to be instituted.

By noon the companions began to come in from all directions, and work began as soon as dinner was over. Work was done in all the Chapter degrees by "teams" from Cedar Rapids and Marion. Twelve of the eighteen candidates were exalted. A fine banquet was served at midnight at one of the hotels, and every courtesy possible was extended by the Mt. Vernon Companions. About fifty visitors were present. The Grand High Priest sent a telegram of regret for his enforced absence. New officers are: J. W. Smyth, H. P.; Alex. Torrence, K.; Daniel Graul, S.; Frank Cleaveland, C. H.; Rev. Mr. Kynett, P. S.; Wm. Smith, R. A. C,; James Smith, 3 V.; Jos. Corsen, 2 V.; D. D. Wolf, 1 V.; Arnold Smouse, Treas.; E. T. Gough, Secretary. The eighteen candidates were: A. J. Powers, W. A. Smyth, J. B. Robinson, C. D. Maybauer, W. E. Gamble, A. B. P. Chubbuck, Harry Ellison, Wm. M'Cord, Furness Morton, Roy Kurtz, M. F. Rigby, Eb. Witter. (The above twelve were exalted at the institution.) W. T. Rigby, Chas. Brackett, J. S. Petticord, M. L. Ink, J. C. Keedick, Marsden Keyes. This youngest Iowa Chapter starts out with as thorough equipment in every way as the oldest and strongest. No feature seems wanting to make this one of the successful R. A. bodies in the state at once. This Chapter is a constituent of Patmos Commandery 27, K. T., Marion.

AND still we grow.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET.

General Grand Chapter, Boston, Mass , August 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand Chapter, Charles City, October 23-24, 1895.

We are sorry to break the pleasant order of our Masonic portrait gallery by omitting the face of the Grand Matron of Iowa, but as she found it impossible to forward her photograph, we must await her further pleasure.

The Chapter at Eldora, largely, thanks to the earnest activity of their first Worthy Matron, Mrs. Fanny Wisner, has kept side by side with all other Masonic progress in that city. We spent part of an evening there April 29.

In the women's edition of the *Waterloo Courier* of March 14, Mrs. Frances M. Parrott, W. M., of Waterloo Chapter No. 128, presented a well written item on the Order. This Chapter now has 130 members. The death roll bears the names of Mary E. Whitaker, Lillian Parsons, Ebenezer Ellis, and Henry A. Bailey.

Orient Chapter No. 15, Manchester, has placed in their Chapter room Masonic Temple, a fine new Chickering upright piano to be used by all the Masonic bodies, as the Chapter and Commandery contributed generously toward the purchase. They wish every sister chapter in Iowa the loyal fellowship the Masonic bodies show to Orient Chapter. So says sister Carhort and others.

Columbia Chapter, Anita, Iowa, has given us word through Mrs. Sears, several points of interest.—Two were initiated at their last regular meeting, three more waiting for the light. A chapel organ has been purchased and adds greatly to the work. Their anniversary was celebrated February 6, by giving a banquet. "Female Masonry" is to be enacted there for their benefit, and the "White Shrine" is about to invade them.

The chapter at Oskaloosa seems to be away up in "G," with Mrs. Jackson's "Female Masonry" as the *Herald* brings us a racy report of the doings of Wednesday, March 13. Mrs. W. T. Phillips and G. W. Shockley were the candidates, and with the additional points of the program it was a festive night. We don't see Billie Wray on the front seat this time;—oh, its not a Shrine meeting with a preacher candidate to *take in.*

It is reported to us that *The Voice of Masonry*, of Chicago, which does not exchange with us, sits down on Mrs. Jackson's harmless farce, "Female Masonry *a la* Mrs. Lease, as if our Maria (she's all right) were invading the ancient land-marks instead of giving an entertainment. Our ancient neighbor should visit Mexico, where the daughter of the Grand Master sits next to the most august visitor in open Grand Lodge.

"Whoop, says I," "and then the fight began."

O. E. S. TRIENNIAL.

The Eastern Star headquarters in Boston will be at Union Hall, 48 Boylston St., opposite the Masonic Temple, central location and easy of access.

Delegates not otherwise provided for who desire rooms and board during the sessions, should write to Mr. Joseph Hill, Charlestown, **M**ass.

A circular from Mrs. L. J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec., giving full information, will soon be sent to all representatives.

GRAND SECRETARY'S LETTER.

March 25, Golden Rod Chapter was organized by Grand Matron Woods, at Waukon, Allamakee Co. Mrs. Flora Crawford is W. Matron, H. H. Stillwell, W. P., and Miss Minnie F. Stillwell, Sec'y.

March 27 the Grand Matron organized Martha Washington Chapter at Lansing, Allamakee Co. Mrs. Martha Hemmenway,

W. Matron; L. E. Fellows, W. Patron; Miss Susie Bacon, Sec'y.

Davenport Chapter was to be organized by G. Matron Woods, April 5 and 6, but have not heard that the fact was accomplished, and as there is "many a slip twixt the cup and lip," guess I had better not report it this month.

M. JACKSON.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

To Ill. Wm. Pettis, Recorder of Oriental Temple N. M. S., for a copy of their neat Directory and Roster for 1895.

To E. C. Blackmar, of Burlington, for his complimentary copy of "Delusions" noticed in another place in this journal.

To R. W., T. S. Parvin, LL. D., Grand Secretary of Iowa, for a copy of Proceedings of the Imperial Council N. M. S., 1889.

To Noble R. R. Henderson, Davenport, Ia., for a copy of the *Daily Leader*, containing the notice of Kaaba Temple's meeting March 5.

To Noble F. H. Hemperley, Philadelphia, Pa., for a copy of his striking article on "The Almighty Force and the Importance of Truth."

To Illustrious Noble N. M. Myers, for another of those beautiful souvenir volumes in which is published official and membership roster and the laws of Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis.

To the Masonic Publishing Co., New York, for their Thirty-seventh Semi-annual Catalogue of old and rare Masonic books. Sale to be held May 22, 1895, at 63 Bleecker St., New York.

To R. W., Bro. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, for a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas for 1895, held in the city of Topeka, Feb. 20–22, 1895. A fine half-tone portrait of the late Grand Secretary, Dwight Byington, adorns the volume, as also that of Grand Tyler, Fritz Magers, 1866–1894.

To R. W., Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary, for the official proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, 1894, held in Richmond Dec. 4–6, 1894. This was the 117th Annual Grand Communication of this grand Masonic body.

To R. W., Bro. J. H. C. Dill, for a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, of which he is the efficient Grand Secretary. Though we had earlier received this compliment for 1894, we accept with pleasure and will try to use for good this gift.

NECROLOGY.

RICHARD VAUX—Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, died in Philadelphia March 22, 1895. He was made a Mason in 1842.

A. V. H. CARPENTER, of Milwaukee, was buried March 21, 1895. He was a widely known and accomplished Freemason.

THE ODE TO A SKULL.

The *Chicago Herald* some time ago published a communication from T. O. Summers, stating that the above named ode, seen in Templar literature, was written by Dr. William Darling, Professor of Anatomy in the University of New York. We saw the clipping in the hands of Sir Knight J. W. Laverty, of Burlington, Iowa.

Masonry, marching under the leadership of God and the banner which bears the motto, "Love thy Neighbor as Thyself," with the peasant and the prince, the mechanic and the merchant, the workingman and the millionaire, the learned and the unlearned, following in equal rank and common step, knows neither race nor nationality, neither caste nor conditions, as it proudly and beneficently moves down the centuries.—*Chauncey M. Depew.*

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, APRIL, 1895.

THE time draws near when the lodges will be looking toward Marshalltown, and a full delegation should be there from each one of the lodges.

WE admire the spirit of the earnest patron who proposes to stand by us in the hour when we need it. The cost to him is $1 a year; to us hundreds of dollars and much labor.

TIME admonishes us that the fathers are falling to sleep among us. They have wrought their allotted hours and as they go to their rest, let us strive to fill their places like men and brethren.

THE summer itineraries are on the wing even thus early. Rates look low. Chicago—Boston and return stands quoted one route, whole trip $19.00; returning by some other than original route, $22.00.

IOWA Masons, we urge you all to stand up for the best things for this great jurisdiction. No fairer body ever existed than this, and the ultimate desire of the great majority is "harmony and brotherly love."

THE EARLY HISTORY OF IOWA MASONRY.

II.

EARLY IOWA LODGES.

[BY HON. T. S. PARVIN, LL. D.]

The first petition was for a Lodge, (Wapello No. 5) at Wapello, dated January 9, 1844. Written by George W. McCleary, and signed by G. W. McCleary, A. G. Siverly, David Hurley, Kennedy Story, John Watson, Lewis Kinney, John C. McCleary, William Little, John Bell, Robert C. Burchell and Lathrop Francis (11.) Vouched for by G. W. McCleary and recommended by Iowa City No. 4 (same day) January 9, 1844, and signed by William L. Gilbert, Secretary *pro tem.* Dispensation granted by Grand Master Oliver Cock (written by him) January 10, 1844 and attested by T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary. No Seal (the tone ordered by Grand Lodge not yet made) naming G. W. McCleary, W. M.; Robert C. Burchell, S. W.; and Lewis Kinsey, J. W.

Organized—The "Early Records" prior to "April 3," 1845, are lost and "cannot be found," writes the Secretary under date January 29, 1894.

2. Marion Lodge, No. 6, petition written by John C. Berry, Marion, January (date not given.) Signed by Thomas Kemp, David Stiles, Joseph McKee, John C. Berry, William Abbe, Lawrence Hollenbeck, Samuel Hunter and Abel Skinner, (all in Berry's handwriting.) Vouched for by William Abby and recommended by Iowa City Lodge No. 4, (no date.) Signed by William Reynold, W. M.; S. M. Ballard, S. W.; and George S. Hampton, J. W., and attested by D. D. Swan, Secretary, *pro tem.* Dispensation granted by Oliver Cock, G. M.; February 6, 1844. Attest T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary, naming William Abbe, W. M.; Lawrence Hollenbeck, S, W.; and John C. Berry, J. W.

Organized—March 18, 1844, present all the petitioners, visitors none, recorded Joseph McKee elected Treasurer, A. E. Skinner, Secretary; Samuel Hunter, David Stiles and W. H. Camp, were appointed respectively, Senior and Junior Deacons and Tyler.

By-Laws—The By-Laws of Iowa City Lodge, No. 4, were adopted so far as applicable.

3. Hiram Lodge, No. 7, Augusta, Des Moines County. Petition written by Jacob Hutchinson, Augusta, April 1, 1844. Signed William A. Weston, Jacob F. Hutchinson, Geo. J. Adams, Clark L. Whitney, David Kneeland, Jacob F. Abbott and Alvin C. Graves. Recommended by Des Moines Lodge No. 1, April 1, 1844, and signed by J. R. Fayerweather, Secretary. Dispensation granted April 16, 1844, by Oliver Cock, G. M., and attest, T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary. W. A. Weston, W. M.; David Kneeland, S. W.; and C. S. Whitney, J. W.

Organized—April 15, present the petitioners and visitors Isaac Butterfield, Pearly Jackson, both of whom early affiliated with the Lodge.

4. Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 8, petition. This is in the handwriting of William Thompson, who also wrote that for Des Moines, No. 1, in 1840, and this is dated September 12, 1844, and signed by John F. Kinney, William Thompson, T. H. Curtz, John C. Hall, M. Hubbard, James Mahan, T. H. Orendorf and Thos. McMillarn (8) Thompson and Curtz were both signers to the petition of No. 1. Vouched for by Brother Thompson and recommended by Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, October 7, 1844, and attested by Lyman Cook, Secretary. None of the lodges to date had provided themselves with seals. Dispensation granted September 13, 1844, by Oliver Cock, Grand Master and attested by T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

Discrepancy in the dates make it appear as if the Grand Master had issued the dispensation (September) before it had been recommended by his Lodge, which is dated in October. The officers appointed were J. F. Kiny, W. M.; William Thompson, S. W. and Thomas McMillin, J. W.

Organized—September 27, 1844, on motion of Brother Prentise Yeoman (whose name is not signed to the petition.) Brother David Hamline was "admitted a member." Present all the petitioners; and visitors present, Prentise Yeoman and David Hamline. M. Hubbard was elected Treasurer and J. C. Hall, Secretary; Prentise Yeoman and David Hamline appointed Deacons and T. H. Orendorf, Tyler.

By-Laws—Brothers Thompson, McMillan and Hall, appointed committee to prepare a Code of By-Laws.

Before the close of the year, the original four lodges had doubled their number, all of which were chartered at the Second Annual Communication, January 6, 1845. Only two lodges were created during the ensuing year (1846) and at the close of the first decade the whole number of lodges were forty (40); of this number, Lodges Nos. 7, 9, 19, 23, 31, 32, 35 and 39, have disappeared from the list of working lodges (1894.)

(*To be continued*).

Masonry has nothing to show as a spectacle or sight. All its ceremonies are serious and solemn, and are addressed to the intelligence and conscience of Masons.—*Rough Ashlar.*

The Arrow, monthly, by the Sons of St. Sebastian, 228 w 45th St., New York, 50 cents a year. Elliott Dangerfield, Editor. Welcome, we shall inspect you from tip to notch, and when you come weighted with what our great parish of thousands should hear, we'll quote you with credit.

A. A. S. R.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF MASONRY.

1. God is the Eternal, omnipotent, immutable wisdom and supreme intelligence and exhaustless love. Thou shalt adore, revere and love Him. Thou shalt honor Him by practicing the virtues.

2. Thy religion shall be, to do good because it is a pleasure to thee, and not merely because it is a duty. That thou mayest become the friend of the wise man, thou shalt obey his precepts. Thy soul is immortal—Thou shalt do nothing to degrade it.

3. Thou shalt unceasingly war against vice. Thou shalt not do unto others that which thou wouldst not wish them to do unto thee. Thou shalt be submissive to thy fortunes and keep burning the light of wisdom.

4. Thou shalt honor thy parents. Thou shalt pay respect and homage to the aged. Thou shalt instruct the young. Thou shalt protect and defend infancy and innocence.

5. Thou shalt cherish thy wife and thy children. Thou shalt love thy country and obey its laws.

6. Thy friend shall be to thee a second self; Misfortune shall not estrange thee from him: Thou shalt do for his memory whatever thou wouldst do for him if he were living.

7. Thou shalt avoid and flee from insincere friendships. Thou shalt in everything refrain from excess. Thou shalt fear to be the cause of a stain on thy memory.

8. Thou shalt allow no passion to become thy master. Thou shalt make the passions of others profitable lessons to thyself. Thou shalt be indulgent to error.

9. Thou shalt hear much: thou shalt speak little; thou shalt act well. Thou shalt forget injuries. Thou shalt render good for evil. Thou shalt not misuse either thy strength or thy superiority.

10. Thou shalt study to know men; that thereby thou mayest learn to know thyself. Thou shalt seek after virtue. Thou shalt be just. Thou shalt avoid idleness.

But the great commandment of Masonry is this:

A new commandment give I unto you; that ye love one another. "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, remaineth still in darkness."—*Morals and Dogma*, p. 18.

Gourgas Chapter, Rose Croix, Chicago, observed the feast of the Passover in Masonic Temple, Thursday evening, April 11. Addresses were delivered by Hon. R. S. Tuthill, Dr. H. W. Bolton, E. R. Bliss and Dr. H. W. Thomas.

FESTIVALS, 1895.

April 12, Good Friday.
April 14, Easter Sunday.
May 23, Ascension Day.
June 24, St. John's Day, (Baptist).
July 9, Grand Commandery, (Iowa).
August 27, Grand Encampment, (U. S.).
December 25, Christmas Day.
December 27, St. John's Day, (Evangelist).

The intelligent Mason is subscribing to renew a representative journal.

DELUSIONS.

From the press of Acres, Blackmar & Co., Burlington, Iowa, we have received a neat, cloth-bound volume, under the above title. It treats upon various "delusions" which in the mind of the author, Rev. S. C. Bronson, D. D., of Burlington, Iowa, have been given too large a place in the people's minds. It will be healthful for those who do not agree with the learned divine to read his utterances and to those who desire further assistance in confirming their opinion. The work originated from a series of discourses delivered in his own pulpit and heartily commended to the reading public. For sale by the Publishers.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Boston, Mass., Aug. 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1895.
Missouri Grand, St. Louis, April 23, 1895.

Sir F. J. Upton, a member of Apollo Commandery No. 26, K. T., of this city, was buried with Templar honors by his Commandery on March 16, 1895.

Patmos Commandery, No. 27, Marion, began early in March a series of drill rehearsals preparatory for inspection, which event was set by the Grand Commander in person, for April 10.

Owing to the long continued illness of R. E., Sir C. W. Eaton, Secretary of the Triennial committee of Iowa Grand Commandery, E. Sir Geo. W. Bever, Grand Senior Warden, has been appointed to the charge of this work on the committee.

KNIGHTLY COURTESY.

From the instant when we were bidden to arise and "receive a hearty welcome into the bosom of an Order whose grand characteristics are unsullied honor, unwearied zeal in a brother's cause and universal benevolence" we have ever accepted the fullest meaning of those ennobling attributes. To find this high confidence sometimes misplaced has not lessened our profound belief in the Christian virtues. To endure the pain of being misapprehended or misrepresented by even a frater has not destroyed our regard for this order of Knighthood. For us the vows had a personal meaning, a higher significance, and though it require a startling self sacrifice, an oft repeated disciplining of the flesh; we have no hesitation in still putting our firm belief in the knightly courtesy of the "poor soldiers of the Temple." To endure hardness as good soldiers, is part of the Apostolic injunction and may well be often remembered by us who profess to be guided by the teachings of Immanuel, the courteous, self-forgetful, martyr Knight of the ages; He being our bright example of upright manhood and Christian courtesy—hear ye Him.

The Mason who circulates profane parodies on the oaths and lectures of the Order, not only violotes his obligation but makes an unmitigated idiot of himself at the same time.—*Masonic Record.*

Our friends put us to the blush with their kind words.

CHARITY NEVER FAILETH.

We have watched with some degree of concern the critical flow and ebb of sentiment that some times ripples over the shifting sands of the hither shore of Masonic charity. To hear a discussion carried on in open lodge, upon the propriety of informing the delicate, irreproachable widow of a deceased brother, that when the cold of winter subsides, though the seasons have nothing to do with her utter dependence upon the Order, she must not longer look to them for help, aid or assistance. To know that amid heart ache and bodily weakness, the fragile mother has thrust her needle through the fabrics, working, and over-working, to keep her babies and herself alive, and then to be told by those who among all men wherever found, as Masons, that the veins of charity have ceased to bleed in pity and sympathy for her wants, and that she must now shift for herself.

Aye, to know that among those who deafened the ears of her brothers to the cry of her orphaned children, were to be found those who by the ties of our brotherhood, were her sisters, making her lot more difficult by their cold and pitiless criticisms of work, less finely done because the midnight lamp shined dim, for eyes of the underpaid woman whose Masonic husband was dead. Ah, may the dear God in heaven stir with a diviner sense in all our hearts the "charity that never faileth."

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TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Nantasket, Mass., Sept. 2 and 3, 1895.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Annual, Dec. 11, 1895.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, Annual.

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[We will here give the names of Representatives, date of their election, and name of Temple. Recorders will please forward returns on receipt of this.]

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El Jebel, Denver, Colorado—Dec. 16, '94, S. W. Chaney, A. F. Vick Roy, A. B. McGaffey and J. H. Peabody.

El Kalah, Salt Lake City, Utah—Arthur M. Grant.

El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Dec. 12, C. W. Eaton, C. Rap., I. P., W. J. Jameson; Cl. Bl. W. N. Dearborn, Stone City; E. S. Childs, Waterloo.

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OUR ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE.

[BY NOBLE GEO. W. BEVER.]

The portrait of this department presents this month the well known features of our Illustrious Potentate, Cyrus Walgrave Eaton. He was born in Bloomington, Vermont, September 21, 1838. His boyhood days were spent on a New England farm, his early manhood on the banks of the St. Lawrence river in Canada. From there in due time he entered an active business life in Columbus, Ohio, and from there came to Cedar Rapids in 1869, where he has since been engaged in the hardware business. He has served his adopted city as its first chief of fire department (five times re-elected), thrice he has been chosen as the Mayor, always displaying those sterling qualities that displayed his ability as a leader and organizer. Noble Eaton was made a Mason in Orleans Lodge No. 55, Barton, Vermont, August 5, 1865, and exalted in Trowel Chapter No. 49 of this city. He was the first companion Knighted in Apollo Commandery No. 26, K. T., in October, 1875. He has since occupied various responsible positions and filled them all with honor.

In 1882 he was Eminent Commander of Apollo, during which time the Grand Commandery held its first encampment in this city. As a merited recognition of his ability and valued services he was elected Grand Generalissimo. One year later he headed the pilgrimage to the Grand Encampment held in San Francisco. He served as Deputy Grand Commander of Iowa in 1889, and was elected Grand Commander in 1890. He is also connected with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite bodies of this city. When El-Kahir Temple, N. M. S. was instituted, he was chosen as the Illustrious Potentate and has been re-elected to that chief post among us each succeeding year until this time. He has been a regular attendant upon the conventions of the Imperial Council, filling various appointed offices in that body. At the last meeting in Denver last summer he was elected to the office of Imperial Assistant Rabban. He heads our Imperial delegation this year and continues to be our standard bearer and leader. Under the sad affliction that has borne him down for many weeks, near to the gates of the unseen temple, we know it is the prayer of his host of friends and brethren everywhere that he may be spared to recover his wonted health and strength and be among us again as he has been so long.

"He keeps his honesty and truth,
His independent tongue and pen,
And moves in manhood as in youth,
Pride of his fellowmen."

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

TANGIER, Omaha. The restless feet of their camels bring us news of another meeting to be held April 29. Maybe we'll be there.

ARARAT, Kansas City, has a ceremonial session booked for April 18, 2:30 p. m., to be followed by their annual ladies' reception. Of course they will have a good time.

MEDINAH, Chicago, has the new Temple rooms under way to completion. They will have a big meeting on the top story April 26, when they will sift the sand for a big class.

ORIENTAL, Troy, N. Y., held an extraordinary observance, in honor of Abdoo'l-Wahab, founder of the Wahabees (Puritans), whose Moslem test was the smashing of images.

MT. SINAI, Montpelier, Vt., went to Lancaster, N. H., on April 5. They sent out a beautiful notice and had a pleasant time. That poem, Noble Heaton, did it grow in New England?

LU-LU, Philadelphia, Penn., held a meeting April 3, in which the Lu-Lu Temple Band seems to have played an important part. Classic tunes, one was "Johnnie get your gun," quick.

KORA, Lewiston, Me., called her Nobles together in Lyceum Hall, Lisbon street, on March 28, when, with the deliberation of the measured style of our N. E. dads, they made the novices serve them all the way to Mecca.

ARARAT, Kansas City, now comes with a missive from its live Recorder, Noble Arnold Shanklin, telling us of the great time they had March 14, last. "26 petitioners and a big time." We knew it by the gallop of that white camel.

INDIA, Oklahoma, O. T., kept Roomadan March 29, (the Mohammedan lent begins March 4 and ends April 4). Fifteen novices enlisted; Ladies were admitted to the banquet. This they say is their last meeting until after the Imperial Council.

BOUMI, Baltimore, Md., whirled the swing rope on poke bonnets, and sicked the dog on their cat with a drooping tail March 29, 1895. They had a good time no doubt. They inaugurated some kind of a new hall, "which is a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

KOREIN, Rawlins, Wyo., made the Yellowstone Park dizzy with their goings on March 15, 1895. The Sweetwater river went almost dry. Sammy Woods was there shooting off poetry by the yard. Korein is U. D. but frisky. Ever since their circular of Nov. 25, 1894, we knew that this young temple was a boomer. Long may Korein wave in Wyoming.

MOOLAH, St. Louis, held a ceremonial session March 30, 1895. Special preparation was made to entertain those who claimed viridescent adumbration with them after being incinerated under the calorific—zip, bang, fiz! Our pen splutters and El-Kahir's houri smiles like Moolah's sphinx, to think of the above things happening in civilized Missouri,—but they had a jolly time all the same.

KISMET, Brooklyn, N. Y., has the small boy on the run in the notice for its meeting for March 29, '95. We want Kismet to box and ship that goat to Nantasket next August, attach a slot attachment and let the western fellows see a Brooklyn goat butt(er) both sides.

RAJAH, Reading, Pa., forwards announcement of a special meeting in their Oasis on May 29, following the adjournment of the Grand Commandery in their city. The general program includes a flambeau parade, conferring the order, concert, banquet, addresses, etc., etc.

MOHAMMED, Peoria, Ill., comes at us with a notice replete with little rascals who seem just aching to lay hands on a few candidates. April 12 was set for the date and the rush of camels shook the spongy sod of all that part of Illinois. Whoop! lah! Bang! Mohammed!

MECCA, New York, held their March sessions March 28, 29, and their Shriners' Children's Matinee was given March 30, 1895. Mecca still asks employment for seven Nobles of differing talents. "Mecca Pointers" is a little vest pocket tract worth imitating in all sister temples.

KAABA, Davenport, was aflame with desert lights on March 5, when "a parcel of sore and weary wanderers" were made of noble birth. Representatives from El-Kahir and Medinah were present. Rev. J. H. Odges was the poet of the occasion and unburdened himself of a poem on

"It makes all the difference 'where you're at.'"

RAJAH, Reading, Pa., observed "Leylet El Kadr" on March 13. They have adopted this sensible resolution.

Resolved, that hereafter all applications for membership must be accompanied by not less that $10, which amount is forfeited if the candidate, when elected, does not present himself for initiation within six months from date of election."

ARARAT, Kansas City, trots out all her camels for March 14, and delivered a number of novices over to the test. They toot their horn on "clam bakes" for Nantasket. Their yell will be "Ara! Ara! Ararat!! K. C.! K. C.! M. O. Mo!!"—Letterip!

MEDIA, Watertown, N. Y., took a grand sleigh ride party to Canton, N. Y., on Tuesday, March 26. Roomadan, was ushered in by them with four *full* moons, the whole "lime kiln club" and a page of original poetry. The notice was novel, oblong, parti-colored, and variegated.

HELLA, Dallas, Texas, began the observance of Roomadan, March 21, 1895, and intended an invasion of Waco, the Oasis of the Seven Geysers, during April, to set up inquisition for the trial of offenders whomsoever caught in the act. Hella cleaned house Jan. 17. 34 suspensions for u. p. d. Whew!

ALEPPO, Boston, Mass., sends out a full sheet poster notice of their theatre party for April 18, and a great ceremonial session for May 7, 1895. Aleppo is getting ready to act as host to the Imperial Council at Nantasket beach Sept. 2, 1895. Ill. Ben. Rowell, better put the editor on his list, or he'll catch it.

ZUHRAH.—Our illustrious neighbor, Myers, knows how to make our news columns have a freshness about them, so he sends us word in time. Zuhrah is to have a fullness of good things. April 24th a class will be worked and on May 22 and 23, their annual reception two evenings. The 22d will be for ceremony and the 23d will be ladies' night. Fair notice is served that El-Kahir Nobles will be in at the sunrise of the first day of one of these gatherings. Let Minneapolis keep the south gate open.

Noble A. M. Williams reports a pleasant visit with the Temples at New Orleans and Chicago, while visiting on those oases.

TANGIER THE GEM.

We've been to Mecca; and now we've revisited Tangier, the gem of the borders of our great American Sahara. He had a good time once before, and now we've been again, and a still better. How anybody but Tangier could improve upon it we do not know. Our camel grazed before the tent of the Pasha, Lund, late of El-Kahir, and his royal household soothed our senses and fed our bodies with "fruits rare and plenty, in a circle where no evil exists." March 8, 1895, goes down on our calendar as a "Rubric-lettered day," for on that night we were led captive, mighty willingly, to the spicy gardens, and the luxury laden banquet of the goodly Temple of Tangier. Their officers show a loyal support of their talented young Potentate, and the ritual was not only perfectly rendered, but its elocution dramatically interpreted. Here is what the daily *Bee* has to say the next morning:

LARGE CLASS OF NOVICES.

TANGIER TEMPLE'S FIRST CONVOCATION UNDER THE PRESENT OFFICERS.

Tangier Temple held its first convocation last night, under the new officers for the present year, Edgar Allen, illustrious potentate. The present class is the largest, with one exception, that Tangier Temple has conducted across the burning sands to the oasis where date palm flourishes and milk is to be had for the asking. Those in attendance represented the Shriners of at least six states, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Ohio, South Dakota and Nebraska. At the banquet covers were laid for 350, and the guests and members present were seated at 11:15. The banquet room program was: Opening Remarks, Potentate Edgar Allen; Prefatory, Noble H. C. Akin, toastmaster; "Our Sister Jurisdiction, Seeostris Temple," Potentate J. H. Mauritius; "Infidel Spies," Noble Geiger; "The Mystic Shrine," Noble Ralph W. Breckenridge; "Enigma, or What is It?" Noble L. M. Rheem; "Novices," Noble S. Wright Butler; "The Damar of the Shrine," Noble Edgar Snyder. Tangier will have another meeting April 29th.

BOSTON–NANTASKET.

From all around the circle begins to come the news of the western and northwestern clans, perfecting plans to go. The Kansas City people start via the C. R. I. & P. In Iowa the Burlington Commandery has all arrangements made for their itinerary and hotel. We understand that Kaaba Temple will go generally and El-Kahir will not fall short of arrangements in due time. Wherever we go, the general inquiry is for information as to route and conveniences. We have arranged for the publication in May of full information for Iowa and nighboring Temples and Nobles. Watch the pages of our next number. There will be news on Boston and Nantasket sure.

ELDORA SHRINERS.

The other night, April 29, we were engaged to lecture before the pedagogues of Hardin Co., in Eldora. We went, we lectured; then we were conducted in a westerly and upward course to the model lodge room of the city, where the thirteen Nobles, their ladies and the Ladies Band of Eldora were assembled to "receive" us. The fez was prominent. The banquet was spread and it was elaborate and elegant in every particular. We ate, we responded to toasts, we greeted our friends and the hours fled all too quickly to satisfy our desire to be with those dear people. We bore away with us a copy of the menu cards, hand painted, bearing the symbol of the Order. We also possess a souvenir group picture of the Ladies' Band, of Eldora, in full costume, drawn by Miss Ula V. Walker, daughter of T. O. Walker, of the *Eldora Enterprise*. She is also a member of the band. Among the vocal music was one selection to the charming Lu-Lu, which we hope to hear again. Noble B. J. Miles presided as Toast-master, while Will Porter and all the other Shriners danced in attendance to the nicest reception we've ever had. Long live the Eldora Shriners, especially the daughters of Isis.

HOW PREJUDICE COMES.

We believe in examining the evidences from which certain prejudices arise from time to time. The discussion of whether the Shrine is authoritively claimed to be a Masonic body is a case in point. Some of the causes evidently arise from within. Misinformed and ignorant Nobles, who have not learned nor read to know the facts; others arise from the absolute ignorance and scrambling manner of those who are supposed to publish reliable information for the use of the public. In our visit to Tangier, that live and superbly officered Temple in Omaha, on March 8th, here is what the next morning brought us from one of the city dailies:

CROSS THE SANDS.

FORTY PILGRIMS ARE INITIATED INTO THE SHRINER DEGREE:

The first session of the Shriners degree, A. F and A. M., under the new ritual was held at the Masonic hall last evening and was attended by members from all over the United States, between 300 and 400 being present. The decorations were magnificent and the musical arrangements were of the highest order."—*World Herald.*

Need we say any more, even to the Shrine-baiting class among our contemporaries, whom we are sometimes tempted to regard as having an "anti-semitic" mania as great as any bigot of the middle ages, since they give one side, and then ignore and refuse the credit directly supplied from the other.

CAMEL TRACKS.

Scour your ornaments, 'tis now spring.

Curry the long hair out of your camel's hide; get his summer coat shiny.

Startling as it may seem we have word of a Noble of the Mystic Shrine who pawned his diploma for one dollar and sixty-five cents. Had he not already been expelled, he ought to have been for that act. Worthy Nobles need never do such an act.

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